

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-17 were pending. In this amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 14, and 15 have been amended. Claims 5 and 17 have been canceled, and claims 18-22 have been added. Thus, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-22 will be pending.

**Amendments to the Title**

The title was objected to as not being descriptive of the invention. Applicant has amended the title; the amended title is also reflected in an updated Application Data Sheet submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the title.

**Claims Rewritten in Independent Form and Allowable**

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 6, 7, 11, 13, and 17, if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include a feature of original claims 6 and 7. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and claims 2-4, 6-13, and 18 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to incorporate similar features of original claim 13. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14, and claim 19 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the features of original claim 17. Therefore, claim 15, and claims 16 and 20-22 depending therefrom, are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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